

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Huismann et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/728629  
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Title : Method and Apparatus For Feeding Wire to a  
Welding Arc  
  
Group/Art Unit : 3742  
  
Docket No. : ITW 14417.70

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner For Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action of February 7, 2006. It is believed that no extension of time is needed, but should one be needed, please consider this a petition therefor, and charge deposit account number 500599 the appropriate fee. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.